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Guilty Plea Entered in Case of Man Found Dead In His Koreatown Apartment

A 67-year-old man entered a guilty plea today for the killing of a Koreatown resident found beaten to death in his apartment, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Sabrina Corsa said Roy Lee Adams pleaded to one count of voluntary manslaughter and admitted to three prior convictions for which he received state prison sentences.

Adams is expected to get a nine-year prison sentence at a hearing scheduled for Aug. 5 in Department 37 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

The body of Cornelius Rich, 62, was found in his apartment approximately 10 days after his death in March 2013. The victim's body was only discovered because the apartment manager for the building on the 500 block of Kingsley Drive received complaints about the smell coming from the unit, the prosecutor said.

Both men knew each other prior to Rich's death, the prosecutor added.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department, Olympic Division.

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About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Annually, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecutes more than 60,000 felonies and 140,000 misdemeanor crimes.